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June 7, 2006

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Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service
Administration by Dickinson-Iron ISD

Decision on Appeal from USAC (SLD): Denied, April 20, 2006
(Appendix A)

Form 471 Application #: 459866

Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 – 06/30/2006

Billed Entity #: 222230

FRN #: 1308867 & 1274937

Spin #: 143017575 & 143005817

Applicant's Form Identifier: Y8-471

FCDL Date: 12/27/2005

Wave Number: 26

FCDL

Explanation: The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified.

Contact: Terry Alatalo
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Email: talatalo@diisd.org

To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting that the FCC review the denial of funding for our telecommunications and Internet services. The denial stated, "The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified."

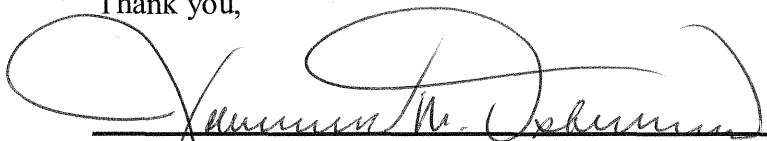
We filed our Y8-470 on 12/20/2004 (Appendix B) via the online submission process. We tried on two different occasions to certify our application by creating and using a PIN. Both attempts were unsuccessful. On 12/24/2004 we began Christmas break, returning on 1/3/2005. It is during this time frame that the signature page must have been misplaced and never sent out.

We successfully filed our 471 on 02/17/2005 (Appendix C). It was not until we received a fax from SLD on 09/07/2005 (Appendix D) that we were aware we did not submit the signature page for the 470. To make matters worse, we learned we could have mailed that signature page on the very day we filed our 471, if we had known. A question we have is, how can a 471 even be submitted electronically, if the electronic 470 has never officially been completed? It seems to reason that this application would have been denied during submittal and the problem could have been rectified immediately. Instead, we had to wait until we received a fax from the PIATeam7, almost 7 months later, to even know we had a problem and another 3 months until official notification was sent on 12/27/2005 (Appendix E).

This year SLD has addressed the problem of uncertified forms by issuing PIN numbers to all participants to allow for electronic certification. We also received notice from our state e-rate coordinator to review and certify our 470's. The message was generated from SLD (Appendix F).

We realize this is a large program with extensive application and reimbursement procedures. We do our best to meet these requirements, with very limited staff. Please reconsider this denial as we are a small, rural school district in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Our discount percent is 69, so the impact this denial has on us is tremendous. With decreasing enrollments and budgets, this program enables us to offer technology services that we wouldn't be able to afford otherwise. Please do not deny us funding because of a clerical error.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Johanna Ostwald', written over a horizontal line.

Authorized Signature

Johanna Ostwald, Superintendent

906.779.2690 x7



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Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

April 20, 2006

Johanna Ostwald
Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District
1074 Pyle Drive
Kingsford, MI 49802-4494

Re: Applicant Name: DICKINSON - IRON ISD
Billed Entity Number: 222230
Form 471 Application Number: 459866
Funding Request Number(s): 1274937, 1308867
Your Correspondence Dated: February 22, 2006

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1274937, 1308867
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- On appeal, you seek reversal of the SLD's decision to deny this application because the FRNs reference a Form 470 that has not been certified. In support of your appeal, you state that you had attempted to certify the Form 470 electronically, but were unsuccessful. You also state that, after misplacing the Form 470 certification page, you focused on the Form 471. Furthermore, you ask why you were not notified earlier that there was a problem. In conclusion, you request that funding not be denied because of a clerical error.
- After thorough review of the appeal, relevant facts and documentation, it has been determined that, during Initial Review, SLD notified the authorized contact that the referenced 470, 427030000520777, is not certified or was certified late. SLD also requested verification of the establishing 470 for the FRNs associated with

this application. On September 14, 2005, the authorized contact confirmed that the referenced 470 is the establishing 470. The authorized contact also confirmed that there is no proof that the establishing 470's certification was postmarked within the filing window. On appeal, you have confirmed that the establishing 470's certification was not submitted. SLD can not certify a Form 470 without proof that the certification was postmarked within the filing window. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all Forms and documentation are submitted to SLD in a timely and correct manner. On appeal, you have failed to provide evidence that SLD erred in its initial determination.

- SLD denied your funding request(s) because it determined that your Form 470 Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005. As a result, this Form 470 cannot establish the competitive bidding process for the products and/or services in your funding request(s). During the review of your Form 471, the authorized contact confirmed that this was the establishing Form 470. Consequently, your appeal is denied because your funding request(s) referenced a Form 470 that was not certified on or before the close of the filing window.
- The FCC requires all parts of an application to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application to be treated as having been filed within the filing window. *See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et. al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc ., CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 ¶ 5 (rel. Jan. 14, 2002).* This includes the Form 470 Certification, the Form 471 application, and the Form 471 Certification. If the Form 470 Certification is not postmarked by the final date of the filing window, that Form 470 cannot be used to establish the competitive bidding process for any funding requests that cite that Form 470.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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FORM 470-Receipt Notification Letter
(Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005--06/30/2006)

February 01, 2005

FEB 7 2005

Terry Alatalo
DICKINSON - IRON ISD
1074 PYLE DRIVE
KINGSFORD, MI 49802

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: Y8-470
Form 470 Application Number: 427030000520777
Entity Number: 222230
Date Form 470 Posted: 12/21/2004
Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date: 01/18/2005

Dear Terry Alatalo:

This letter is to notify you that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) has received your FCC Form 470, "Description of Services Requested and Certification Form," although we have NOT yet received your Block 5 signed certification page, either online or on paper. This letter provides important information about program rules. Please read this letter carefully and retain it for your records and future reference.

The Form 470 Application Number listed above has been assigned by the SLD and will be used to track your Form 470. This number must be provided on each FCC Form 471, "Services Ordered and Certification Form," Block 5 Funding Request that cites this Form 470. Any applicant who relies on this Form 470 will need to know this Form 470 Application Number. You may wish to share this number with those schools and/or libraries featured in this application to assist them in their preparation of the Form 471.

The purpose of the Form 470 is to open a competitive bidding process for the services desired. The Form 470 applicant is responsible for ensuring an open, fair competitive process and selecting the most cost-effective provider of the desired services with price being the primary factor. The Form 470 must be completed by the entity that will negotiate with potential service providers. A service provider who will participate in the competitive bidding process as a bidder cannot complete it. Please be aware that if a service provider was involved in the preparation or certification of your Form 470, this involvement could taint the competitive bidding process and result in the denial of your funding requests.

FCC rules require that requests for non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month services and requests for new contractual services be posted on the SLD section of the USAC web site for a period of at least 28 days before selecting a vendor in order to provide for a competitive bidding process. If you indicated on your Form 470 that you have an RFP, that RFP must also be available to potential bidders for at least 28 days before selecting a vendor. In addition, if you are seeking support on your Form 470 for the first time for services delivered under a multi-year contract signed on or before July 10, 1997, the SLD cannot process your Form 471 until the 28-day waiting period has elapsed. State or local

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laws may require a longer procurement cycle. This 28-day waiting period must occur before you may execute any contracts for contracted services, before you select your vendor for non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month service, and before you sign and submit your Form 471.

The "Allowable Vendor Selection/Contract Date" featured above is the earliest date that you may execute any contracts for contracted services; select your vendor for non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month services; and sign and submit your Form 471.

The FCC's Fifth Report & Order (FCC 04-190, released August 13, 2004) requires that documents demonstrating compliance with the statute and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts must be retained for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. See "Document Retention Requirements" in the Order for a descriptive list of many of the documents you must retain.

You must follow all applicable state and local procurement laws. You must also be able to demonstrate compliance with these laws.

Your Form 470 and RFP, if applicable, MUST define the specific services or functions (and quantity and/or capacity) for which funding will be sought. You MUST obtain specific cost information, including prices for products and services to be provided. Failure to adhere to these rules violates the requirement to choose the most cost-effective provider. Moreover, you cannot seek discounts for services in a category of service on the Form 471 if those services in those categories were not indicated on a Form 470.

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) or other solicitation methods must be tailored specifically to your needs and circumstances, and based directly on your technology plan. Use of a generic RFP used successfully by another applicant, for example, does not comply with the Commission's competitive bidding requirements. RFPs and competitive bidding processes that are structured to favor one service provider undermine the competitive process.

FCC rules require your service provider to offer you the option of requesting discounts on bills, or of paying the bills in full and then receiving reimbursement. We recommend that you include your preferred method for receiving discounts when considering bids and discuss that with your service provider.

Beginning with Funding Year 2005, FCC rules restrict funding of Internal Connections Other than Basic Maintenance to only twice every five years. This rule does not apply to Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections.

A technology plan that covers all 12 months of the funding year is required for all services except basic local, cellular, PCS, and/or long distance telephone service and/or voice mail only. The technology plan must have been written before the Form 470 is filed, and must be approved by a state or other authorized body that is an SLD-certified Technology Plan Approver prior to the commencement of discounted services.

To assist us in evaluating the impact of new technology on the nation's schools and libraries, you will be asked to provide the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) or Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) code for any recipient of service. Please continue to review the web site for additional information.

FCC Registration Numbers may be obtained through the FCC Registration Number Commission Registration System (CORES) at www.fcc.gov. The FCC's "Red Light Rule" became effective November 1, 2004. The FCC adopted Section 1.1910 of the rules to implement the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), and amended 47 C.F.R. Secs 1.8002 and 1.8003 "to require all entities that participate in the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism to obtain an FCC Registration Number." Please continue to review the SLD section of the USAC web site for additional guidance.

Complete information about the filing window for the Funding Year 2005 Form 471, is posted to the SLD web site.

It is important to remember that not all requested services will necessarily be approved for discounts. Your Form 471 will be subject to review by the SLD for a determination of funding eligibility before funds are committed. This review will consider all program rules, including eligibility of discount recipients and the eligibility of services for which discounts are requested. In addition, availability of funds will be a factor in funding decisions. Therefore, you should consider the possibility of a denial of funding or a level of funding below your request, and include appropriate contingencies in

contracts for any or all of the requested services.

Thank you for your interest in the Schools and Libraries program. If you have any questions, please contact the SLD Client Service Bureau by e-mail using the "Submit a Question" link on the web site, by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

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FORM 471 RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER
(Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

March 18, 2005

Terry Alatalo
DICKINSON - IRON ISD
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Re: Form 471 Application Number: 459866
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006
Applicant's Form Identifier: Y8-471
Billed Entity Number: 222230

This notification is an acknowledgment of receipt and successful data entry of your FCC Form 471, "Services Ordered and Certification Form," reflecting \$30,086.28 in total program year pre-discount costs for services. This letter confirms that the Form 471 and signed or electronically certified Form 471 Certification have been received. Please note that the later of these Form 471 application materials was postmarked or received by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) on 02/17/2005. Your application will be considered within the Form 471 application filing window wherein all applications that meet the Minimum Processing Standards are treated as though they were received on the same day. It is important that you retain this Form 471 Receipt Acknowledgment Letter (RAL) for your records.

While the Item 21 Attachments are not a window filing requirement, you are encouraged to send them as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. You may send your Item 21 Attachments via e-mail, fax or mail. (See "Item 21 Attachments For Form 471" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org.)

NOTE: Item 25 on the Form 471 is a certification that you have secured access to the resources necessary to pay for (1) the non-discount portion of the costs for eligible services within the funding year, as well as (2) the ineligible products and services necessary to make effective use of the eligible services you have requested. "Secured access" means that you can show that these funds are, or will be, part of your annual budget; or, if you are obtaining the funds from an outside revenue source, that these funds have been acquired or committed. IF YOU OBTAIN THESE FUNDS FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE, THE FUNDS MUST NOT COME DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER(S). YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER(S) MAY NOT WAIVE THE NON-DISCOUNT PORTION OF THE COSTS.

THIS LETTER DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING YOUR REQUESTS FOR DISCOUNTS. NOTE, HOWEVER, THE THREE-WEEK RESPONSE DEADLINE DESCRIBED BELOW.

It is important that you keep the Form 471 Application Number cited above for future communications with the SLD. Our Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) Team will now review your application for compliance with program rules. Once the review of your application has been completed, you will receive one or more Funding Commitment Decision Letters (FCDLs) to inform you of our decisions on your Funding Requests. You cannot assume that USAC will approve the discounts for which you are applying before an FCDL is issued.

FCC rules require you to retain documentation showing that you have complied with all statutes and Commission rules regarding the application for, receipt of, and delivery of services receiving schools and libraries discounts. (See 47 C.F.R. 54 Secs. 504-516.) You must retain all required documents for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. A descriptive list

illustrating documents that service providers and beneficiaries must retain is included in the Form 471 Instructions. All documents used during the competitive bidding process, including correspondence between the beneficiary and prospective bidders regarding the products and service sought and all bids submitted - winning and losing - must be retained.

ALLOWABLE CORRECTIONS USING THE RAL (ACT WITHIN THREE WEEKS!)

If you find data entry errors on this letter, or you previously identified errors on your Form 471, certain of these errors can be corrected using this Form 471 RAL.

- You MUST, at a minimum, include the signature, printed name and official title of either the contact person on this letter or the authorized person on the Form 471.
- Requests should be received or postmarked within three weeks of the date on this letter.

If any of the required information is missing or the request is late, the request may be not processed, but may will be included in the review of the form.

Examples of ALLOWABLE CORRECTIONS are:

- A. **CORRECTIONS TO BLOCK 1 INFORMATION:** You may correct Block 1 items such as the contact person's name, street address, etc.
- B. **CORRECTIONS TO BLOCK 4 INFORMATION:** While the RAL does not contain Block 4 Worksheet information, you may check this information on our web site. (See the last paragraph in this letter for instructions on displaying application data.) You may correct an entity listed on a Block 4 Worksheet. You may also provide or correct a National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) or Federal-State Cooperative System (FSCS) code. If needed, include an additional page from a blank Form 471 Block 4 Worksheet with ALL columns completed. If the Form 471 has multiple worksheets, be sure to indicate the worksheet number(s) for which you are requesting the entity correction(s) be made. The Item 21 Attachment must substantiate corrections to Block 4. (See the FCC Order DA 02-90, released January 14, 2002.)

NOTE: If a Block 4 correction will lead to a decrease in the original discount percentage requested, the correction will be processed. This revised calculation will become the new discount percentage for the worksheet and for any Block 5 Discount Funding Requests that reference the worksheet.

If a Block 4 correction would lead to an increase in the discount percentage requested, the original discount percentage will continue to be the discount percentage for the worksheet and for any Block 5 Discount Funding Requests that reference the worksheet.

- C. **REDUCTIONS TO BLOCK 5 DISCOUNT FUNDING REQUESTS:** You may request reductions to Block 5 Discount Funding Requests except for those that would increase your discount percentage due to a change in recipients of that Block 5 service. You may wish to reduce requests if you:
 - will not be able to make use of services for which you requested discounts for the funding year, or
 - based your Discount Funding Request(s) for tariffed or month-to-month service on a projected rate increase that is now known to be much smaller than expected.
- D. **CANCELLATIONS OF BLOCK 5 DISCOUNT FUNDING REQUESTS:** You may wish to cancel Block 5 Discount Funding Requests if you:
 - duplicated pending requests in Forms 471 for prior funding years where you had not received an ECDL before the close of the Form 471 application filing window, or
 - will not be able to make use of services for which you requested discounts for the funding year.

Reduction and cancellation requests are not subject to the three-week deadline.

The SLD encourages applicants who know that they will not use all of the amounts requested to notify the SLD of an appropriate reduction to or cancellation of these Discount Funding Requests. This action would allow the SLD to distribute the amounts that are available for the funding year more effectively.

- E. **UNBUNDLING AN FRN:** You may request to "split" or "unbundle" an incorrectly combined Funding Request Number (FRN) with two or more services from different service providers (for example, local phone service from one company and long distance

service from another for which you receive separate bills), or from different eligible service categories (such as Internal Connections Other than Basic Maintenance and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections).

NOTE: The total dollar amount represented by the newly divided FRNs must not exceed the amount you requested for the original combined FRN.

To split or unbundle an incorrectly combined FRN, draw a line through the original combined FRN on the photocopy of your RAL. Then write in the SPIN, Service Provider Name, Services Ordered category, Total Program Year Pre-Discount \$ Amount, and Discount Percentage for each distinct service you have now "unbundled," making sure that the total dollars requested add up to no more than the ORIGINAL request.

- F. CORRECTION OF AN INTERIM SPIN (143999999) OR INCORRECT SPIN: Corrective SPIN Changes are allowed. These include corrections because
- the service provider did not have an assigned SPIN, or
 - there was a data entry error by the applicant or the SLD, or
 - the company has merged with or been acquired by another company, or
 - other instances when the SPIN indicated on the Form 471 changed when the applicant did not initiate such a change.

Requests to change service providers for other reasons - Operational SPIN Changes - are not allowed prior to commitment.

- G. CORRECTION OF AN INCORRECT SITE IDENTIFIER: You may correct the site identifier, which is the Entity Number of the recipient of a site-specific service from Block 5, Item 22a of the Form 471. (See Item B. above for correcting a site identifier on a shared service.) The Item 21 Attachment must substantiate the correction to the site identifier. (See the FCC Order DA 02-90, released January 14, 2002.)

NOTE: If a site identifier correction will lead to a decrease in the original discount percentage requested, it will be processed. The revised calculation will become the new discount percentage for the Funding Request.

If a site identifier correction will lead to an increase in the discount percentage requested, the original discount percentage will continue to be the discount percentage for any Block 5 Funding Requests that reference the worksheet.

- H. CORRECTION OF AN INCORRECT BUDGET CALCULATION: You may correct the data you provided in Block 6, Item 25d for the total budgeted amount allocated to resources not eligible for E-rate support. (See the last paragraph in this letter for instructions on displaying application data.)

Note that these corrections should be RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED within three weeks of the date of this letter. Follow these simple steps to make corrections:

1. Photocopy your RAL.
2. Draw a line through each incorrect item, and mark clearly next to it what the correct information should be.
3. Provide the name of the contact person and the contact person's e-mail address, fax number, or telephone number on the first page of the RAL copy that will be sent to the SLD so that we can contact you if we have questions about your requested changes.
4. Make a photocopy of your marked-up letter to keep for your files.
5. Sign your letter.
6. Send your marked-up letter so that it is received or postmarked within three weeks of the date of this RAL. Corrections may also be filed electronically, either by e-mail or by fax. Requests submitted by e-mail or fax will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at the SLD at any time up to 12:00 a.m. (midnight) ET.

To send your marked-up letter and any additional pages by US Postal Service or other carrier, mail to:

Data Entry Corrections
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

To send your marked-up letter and any additional pages by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the SLD web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. Follow the online instructions for help on submitting attachments.

NOTE: To be filed by e-mail, your marked-up letter should be scanned (TIF file format is preferred). Total file size of the e-mail message must be less than 10 Megabytes. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To send your marked-up letter and any additional pages by fax, fax to:

(973) 599-6526

7. Allowable corrections received in a timely fashion will be reflected in your FCDL. We will not make corrections that do not fall into the categories defined as Allowable Corrections above. Please note that, except for the automated e-mail response, the SLD will not advise you that we have received your "change request."
8. Please notify your service provider of any corrections to the RAL that you submit to the SLD. Your service provider has also received a copy of the original RAL. This correction will help your service provider keep your records updated.

MISSING FUNDING REQUESTS

If information about a particular Block 5 Discount Funding Request is not included in the itemized list of Block 5 FRNs reported in the attached "Form 471 RAL Funding Requests Report", this is because the FRN did not pass Minimum Processing Standards. If this is the case, you will receive a separate letter from the SLD explaining the reason for rejection. If you believe that there were FRNs included in your Form 471 that are not listed in this letter AND you do not receive a letter informing you that those FRNs are rejected, please contact us using the e-mail, fax or mail instructions found earlier in this letter. Label your communication "QUESTIONS ABOUT RAL". Please note that the SLD Client Service Bureau may not have the information necessary to respond to your inquiry; therefore, your letter should be sent as described above for a RAL correction.

FUTURE CONTACTS WITH PROGRAM INTEGRITY ASSURANCE (PIA)

It may be important for us to contact you as our PIA Team reviews the funding requests contained in your Form 471. Our requests for clarification and/or additional documentation will require a prompt response to permit us to process as many applications as possible before the start of the Funding Year. The due date for such responses will be established at the time that the PIA Team contacts you. Please make sure that the contact person on your application is available to speak with the PIA Team, or that a surrogate is available. In addition, you should monitor on a daily basis the fax and e-mail locations that you cited in your Form 471 for the contact person.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH YOUR SERVICE PROVIDERS

The SLD is also sharing this FRN information with service providers whose SPINs are listed on Form 471 applications. This information is provided so that service providers can undertake the preparatory steps of identifying their potential customers for whom discounts may be issued. NO DISCOUNTS will be provided until after:

- the SLD issues the FCDL for a particular application; AND
- technology plans, if applicable, have been approved; AND
- the applicant submits a Form 486 with a valid service start date.

The SLD encourages Form 471 applicants to contact their service providers to inform the service providers of the funding requests submitted to the SLD. Service providers may request additional information concerning the specific services contained within each funding request in order to facilitate discounted billing, if that is the billing arrangement requested by the applicant.

If the interim SPIN (#143999999) is featured on a funding request, the SLD has not been informed of the correct SPIN for the service provider associated with that Block 5 funding request. The SLD WILL NOT commit funds on such requests until we are notified of the correct SPIN. You can contact your service provider to obtain your service provider's SPIN, or you may search for the SPIN by using the SPIN Search tool under the Tools menu on our web site. Once you have obtained the correct SPIN, use the guidance in the "ALLOWABLE CORRECTIONS USING THE RAL" section of this letter to notify the SLD of the correct SPIN. If your service provider has not been issued a SPIN, ask the service provider to review the information for obtaining a SPIN on our web site or to contact the USAC Customer Resource Center toll-free at 1-888-637-6226.

EXPLANATION OF FORM 471 RAL BLOCK 5 FUNDING REQUESTS REPORT

Certain information from each Block 5 Funding Request of Form 471 Application Number 459866 that passed Minimum Processing Standards and that could be entered into our

data system is shown in the attached "Form 471 RAL Block 5 Funding Requests Report." There are seven important components of information shown for each Block 5 Funding Request:

- FRN (Funding Request Number): The unique number assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once it has been data entered. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual Block 5 Discount Funding Requests submitted on a Form 471.
- SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): The unique number assigned by USAC to the service provider you identified as providing the service included in this FRN.
 - If you did not supply a valid SPIN with your Form 471, you will be required to do so before a funding commitment can be issued. (See F. CORRECTION OF AN INTERIM SPIN (143999999) OR INCORRECT SPIN above.)
- Service Provider Name: The name of the service provider that you identified as providing the service included in this FRN.
- Category of Service: The type of service for which you have requested discounts in each Block 5 funding request. The categories of services are Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, Internal Connections Other than Basic Maintenance, and Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections.
- Site Identifier: This will only appear if an Entity Number was provided in Block 5, Item 22a for site-specific services described in this FRN.
- Pre-discount Amount: The total annual pre-discount cost for each FRN. This amount is taken from Block 5, Item 23I.
- Discount Percentage: The discount percentage from Block 5, Item 23J.

If you would like to view additional funding request data, click the "Data Requests" button on the web site and follow the instructions provided. If you would like to view your entire Form 471 application, click the "Display" button in the Apply Online Area of the web site and enter your Form 471 Application Number. Use the print feature on your browser to print any portion of your Form 471 or the entire application as displayed.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Form 471 RAL Block 5 Funding Requests Report

THIS REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING YOUR REQUESTS FOR DISCOUNTS.

ERN: 1274937
SPIN: 143005817 Service Provider Name: Charter Communications
Category of Service: Internet Access
Pre-discount Amount: \$5,519.76
Discount Percentage: 69%

ERN: 1308867
SPIN: 143017575 Service Provider Name: CMC Telecom, Inc.
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Pre-discount Amount: \$24,566.52
Discount Percentage: 69%



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FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

To: Terry Alatalo
Fax: 1-906-7792669
Subject: TP--459866--DICKINSON - IRON ISD
From: PIATeam7
Date: September 07, 2005
Time: 3:24:09 PM

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE 7 PAGE(S), INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET. IF YOU DO NOT
RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES, PLEASE CALL THE CONTACT SPECIFIED BELOW.

Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

Sep 07, 2005

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Terry Alatalo

DICKINSON - IRON ISD

Telephone:

(906) 7768128

Application Number

459866

As we discussed in our conversation, we are in the process of reviewing all Form 471 applications for schools and libraries discounts to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of the Universal Service Support Mechanism. I am currently in the process of reviewing your Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Application. To complete my review I need some additional information. The information needed to complete the review is listed below. **Please send the requested information within seven calendar days (September 14, 2005). If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible.**

- 1) For the entity **222230 - DICKINSON - IRON ISD**, we do not have the associated FCC Registration Number (FCC RN). The FCC, in its Fifth Report and Order, requires that all entities that currently participate in the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism have an FCC Registration Number. This requirement applies to schools, libraries, non-instructional facilities, consortium leaders, service providers and consultants.

If you already have an FCC Registration Number for this entity, please provide that FCC Registration Number.

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If you do not yet have an FCC Registration Number, you can obtain one by applying to the FCC, at <http://www.fcc.gov>. Click on link for CORES (Commission Registration System), or go directly at the FCC CORES registration site at <https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>.

After obtaining the FCC Registration Number, please provide the FCC Registration Number.

Additional guidance on this topic and filing tips are located in the Reference area of our website, under "FCC Registration Numbers."

<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/whatsnew/2004/102004.asp#102904>

You will need your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to obtain an FCC Registration Number. Many entities can have the same TIN (for example, individual schools in a school district). For some employers, including state and local government agencies and non-profit organizations, the TIN is the IRS-issued Employer Identification Number (EIN).

2) Based upon review of your Form 471 application, we were not able to validate your requested discount percentage of **60%** for **58470 - IRON MOUNTAIN SR HIGH SCHOOL**; **70%** for **58467 - CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, **58468 - CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**, and **58589 - FOREST PARK JR SR HIGH SCHOOL**; **80%** for **58599 - BATES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**, **58620 - WEST IRON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**, and **58621 - STAMBAUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. If you choose to validate your original requested discount percentage of **60%**, **70%** and **80%**, then please provide the appropriate documentation if one of the following acceptable methods were used:

A. If the School participates in a National School Program (NSLP), please provide us a signed copy (preferably by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent or chief school official, or Director of Food Services) of the Reimbursement Claim Form that the school sends to the state each month. Make sure the following 3 items are identified:

- 1) **The entity Name.**
- 2) **The total number of students enrolled at the entity.**
- 3) **The total number of students eligible for the Free / Reduced Lunch Program for the entity.**

If the school district fills out an aggregate form for the school district, provide a signed letter from a school official (preferably the Superintendent) that lists the Free / Reduced information for each school in the district.

B. If the discount percentage was determined by information obtained from a survey / application, please provide the following information:

- 1) **Total number of students enrolled.**
- 2) **Total number of surveys / applications sent out.**
- 3) **Number of surveys / applications returned.**
- 4) **Total number of students qualified for NSLP per the returned surveys / applications.**
- 5) **Are the surveys / applications and results kept on file?**
- 6) **Provide a sample copy of a FILLED OUT SURVEY / APPLICATION with the child's personal information crossed out for confidentiality.**
- 7) **A signed certification that reads: "I certify that only those students who meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines of the National School Lunch Program have been included in Column 5 of item 9a, of Block 4 of the Form 471."**
- 8) **This information must be in writing on school letterhead and signed by a school official (such as the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent, chief school official or Director of Food Services).**

C. If the discount was determined using a different method than what was identified above, please indicate the method that was used.

3) On your original Form 471, **Form 470 Application Number 427030000520777** is referenced as the establishing **Form 470 on FRN 1274937 and FRN 1308867**. Our records indicate that this Form 470 is not certified or that the Form 470 certification was postmarked after the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005, which is a violation of the rules of this support mechanism. The rules of this support mechanism require that the Form 470 Certification be postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005.

Please verify if the referenced Form 470 is the establishing Form 470 for the services requested. If the referenced Form 470 is NOT the establishing Form 470, please provide the 15-digit Form 470 Number that established the bidding for the services requested.

The establishing Form 470 is the specific Form 470, which was posted for the services requested for 28 days, and pursuant to which a contract was signed or an agreement was entered into. For a request in the Basic Maintenance service category, it is possible that the establishing 470 was filed under an Internal Connections service category. The establishing Form 470 could have been posted by the

State, if the requested services are being purchased off of a State Master Contract.

If the cited Form 470 certification was postmarked on or before to the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005, please provide proof of mailing, such as a certified mail receipt, delivery tracking documentation, online certification confirmation page, or other equivalent documentation supporting your claim, and a copy of the original Form 470 certification page.

If your Form 470 Certification was submitted with other documents or Forms in the envelope, please indicate what documents or Forms were submitted in the same envelope. Please indicate the Form type (Form 471, Form 486, etc.) and application number if known.

Please refer to the Proof of Postmark or Delivery document available in the reference area of the SLD website www.sl.universalservice.org for questions regarding the documentation required.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so PIA can complete its review. If you are unable to provide the requested information because your school has closed or will shortly close for summer break, please let me know when you will be available to respond to these questions. Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding. Should you wish to cancel this application, or any of your individual funding requests, please clearly indicate in your response that it is your intention to cancel an application or funding request(s); along with the application number and/or funding request number(s), and the complete name, title and signature of the authorized individual. **Please send the requested information within seven calendar days (September 14, 2005). If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible.** Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. **•Be sure to sign the cover sheet of your fax. •If you e-mail, do NOT click "reply". Create a new e-mail using the address shown below. •In all correspondence, please make sure to include your Full Name and Official Title.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program. Tamala Patterson School and Library Division Program Integrity Assurance, Initial Reviewer Tel- 973-560-4432 Fax-973-599-6578 E-Mail- TPATTER@sl.universalservice.org This message (including any attachments) contains confidential information intended for a specific individual and purpose, and is protected by law. If you are not the intended recipient, you should delete this message. Any disclosure, copying, or distribution of this message, or the taking of any action based on it, is strictly prohibited.





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FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER (Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006)

December 27, 2005

Terry Alatalo
DICKINSON - IRON ISD
1074 PYLE DRIVE
KINGSFORD, MI 49802-4494

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 459866
Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006
Billed Entity Number: 222230
Billed Entity FCC RN:
Applicant's Form Identifier: Y8-471

Thank you for your Funding Year 2005 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$20,759.53 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,

- Applicant BEN and service provider SPIN,
 - Form 471 Application Number as assigned by the SLD,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2005," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
 4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by the SLD's decision.
 5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on our web site at www.sl.universalservice.org. Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
 Schools and Libraries Division
 Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
 80 South Jefferson Road
 Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use either the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

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A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each E-rate funding request from your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by the SLD.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following definitions:

1. An FRN that is "Funded" is approved at the level that the SLD determined is appropriate for this FRN. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connections requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: The Form 470 Application Number associated with this FRN from Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The Service Start Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 19 of your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The Contract Expiration Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 20b of your Form 471. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a. This will be present only for "site specific" FRNs.

NUMBER OF MONTHS RECURRING SERVICE PROVIDED IN FUNDING YEAR: The number of months of service that has been approved in the funding year. This will be present only for recurring services.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: The discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FCDL DATE: The date of this Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).

WAVE NUMBER: The wave number assigned to FCDLs issued on this date.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: DICKINSON - IRON ISD
BEN: 222230
Funding Year: 2005

Form 471 Application Number: 459866
Funding Request Number: 1274937
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
Form 470 Application Number: 427030000
SPIN: 143005817
Service Provider Name: Charter Communications
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: 500046788901-5010002
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$5,519.76
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$5,519.76
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Certified
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified.

FCDL Date: 12/27/2005
Wave Number: 026

Funding Request Number: 1308867
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 427030000
SPIN: 143017575
Service Provider Name: CMC Telecom, Inc.
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: Not available yet
Service Start Date: 07/01/2005
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2006
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$24,566.52
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$24,566.52
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - 470 Not Certified
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references a Form 470 which has not been certified.

FCDL Date: 12/27/2005
Wave Number: 026

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & DEADLINES

Billed Entity Number : 222230
Name of Billed Entity: DICKINSON - IRON ISD

The following information is provided to assist you throughout the application process. We recommend that you keep it in an easily accessible location and that you share it with the appropriate members of your organization.

FCC REGISTRATION NUMBERS (FCC RNs) - Effective November 1, 2004, the FCC's Fifth Order (FCC 04-190 released August 13, 2004) requires E-rate program participants to have FCC Registration Numbers. Please continue to review our web site for additional guidance.

FORM 486 DEADLINE - The Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date you report on the Form 486 or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later. If you are required to have a Technology Plan, that plan must cover all 12 months of the funding year. You must indicate the name of the SLD-Certified Technology Plan Approver (TPA) prior to the commencement of discounted services for this funding year. You must indicate the name of the SLD-Certified TPA who approved your plan in your Form 486, and you must retain your approval letter and documentation of your monitoring of the progress toward your stated goals.

CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) - Please review the CIPA guidance in the Form 486 Instructions, Section II, "IMPACT OF CIPA REQUIREMENTS ON FORM 486."

INVOICE DEADLINE - Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service - including extensions - or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. Invoices should not be submitted until the invoiced products and services are being delivered and billed, and (for BEAR Forms) the provider has been paid.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION - Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC has stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. FCC 04-190 concluded that a presumptively reasonable timeframe for a beneficiary to pay its non-discount share is 90 days after the completion of services. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to the web site for more information.

DOCUMENTATION RETENTION - FCC rules require that documents demonstrating compliance with the statute and Commission rules must be retained for a period of at least five years after the last day of service delivered. See "Document Retention Requirements" in FCC 04-190 for a descriptive list of many of the documents you must retain.

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT - Persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism are subject to suspension and debarment from the program.

FREE SERVICES ADVISORY - Applicants and service providers are prohibited from using the Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism to subsidize the procurement of ineligible or unrequested products and services, or from participating in arrangements that have the effect of providing a discount level to applicants greater than that to which applicants are entitled.

Complete program information - including more information on these reminders - is posted to the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universal-service.org. You may also contact the SLD Client Service Bureau by e-mail using the "Submit a Question" link on the web site, by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

Subject: List of Form 470 applications not certified
From: Jeannene Hurley <HurleyJ@MICHIGAN.GOV>
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2006 14:33:19 -0500
To: ERATE-TRAINERS@LISTSERV.MICHIGAN.GOV

Hello All,

Just in from the Schools and Libraries Division. Please review, and if necessary, certify your Form 470.

USAC

Universal Service Administrative Company

E-RATE; List of Form 470 applications not

January 26, 2006

Dear E-Rate Coordinator,

As of January 26, 2006, nearly **3000** Forms 470 have not yet been certified. Any Form 470 cited on a Form 471 funding request must be certified prior to the close of the FY 2006 application filing window at 11:59 PM EST on February 16, 2006. Please review the enclosed List of Uncertified Forms 470 to make sure a certification has been received and processed.

If the applicant has a PIN, he or she can certify your Form 470 online from the *Apply Online* page using a Form 470 number and security code.

This list will be updated on February 6 and will include Forms 471 that have not yet been certified. The list will then be refreshed daily from February 6 until February 15, 2006.

Sincerely

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